GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
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SMALL SCALE PHARMA INDUSTRIES
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Small Scale Pharma Industries closed in the country during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the reasons for their closure;

(c) whether this has adversely affected the availability of cheaper drugs for the common man in the country; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to overcome the crisis in the industry?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFIARS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE)

(a) & (b) The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has reported that information about closure of Pharma units State wise is not centrally maintained. However, Pharma companies, including SSI units are required to comply with the requirements of Schedule `M` of Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, 1945 with effect from 1s July, 2005.

(c) No adverse effect on availability of cheaper drugs and medicines for common man in the country has come to the notice of this Department.

(d) In view of above, does not arise.